

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, August 4, 2010
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 6:00:10 p.m. for discussion on various items concerning County business. Those in attendance included Councilors Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Brad Beaver and Rick McKinney; Council Attorney Jeanette Kassebaum; Auditor Dawn Coverdale; Chief Deputy Auditor Robin Mills. Discussion was held on Fire District/Territory in northern Hamilton County. The dead line has passed for forming this unit for 2011. Auditor Coverdale reminded the Council at their request the funding for EMS has been cut for 2011. It was the consensus of the Council that Attorney Kassebaum contact the White River, Wayne and Jackson Township Trustee's attorneys and Cicero attorney on what actions have been taken regarding their fire and ems services. Attorney Kassebaum is to also request their funding for these services in 2011. Auditor Coverdale reported on the 2011 COIT certification (\$82,355,903.81) this is roughly 17.53% decrease over 2010. This means another \$4.1 million cut for Hamilton County Council in 2011. Auditor Coverdale has been in contact with Mike Reuter; DLGF and Bob Lane to see if there has been an error made in reported income. Auditor Coverdale has requested a clarification on hiring guidelines. It is the understanding of the Auditor's Office that public safety was given an exception to fill existing part time positions, but not new hires without coming to the Council. Councilor Carter stated that this was correct. It was the consensus of the Council that the Auditor is to send an email to Human Resources that she is to appear in September to address her new hire. Councilor Schwartz stated that the Personnel Committee will begin meeting again in August. Councilor Carter has asked Chris Mertens to address direct deposit and going paperless. Councilor Levine stated that there is a favorable recommendation from the ISSD Board to pursue this also. Auditor Coverdale shared that there are individuals who do not qualify for a checking or savings account and has talked in length to the state on how they handle this. The state uses ACS, which is a company that provides a master debit card and is looking at what it would take to bring Hamilton County on line if this is something that the Council would like to pursue. This ACS function would be at no cost to the county (piggy back on the state contract). Consensus of the Council is to pursue mandatory direct deposit and ACS. Councilor Levine stated that the Spay Neuter Clinic is requesting the county enter into a loan agreement to remodel and expand their space. The clinic has \$200,000 to begin the project. The clinic is requesting a loan from the county with a 3% interest repayment over ten years with a no penalty for early repayment. The Spay Neuter Clinic will be present tonight with their request and for any questions. Auditor Coverdale requested that the Council approve the budget hearing schedules for the non-binding recommendations. The units cannot adopt their budgets until 15 days after these hearings. The units must advertise their form 3 and hearing times in conjunction with the County. These advertisements are due in a week and a half. It was explained that if the Council sets this date, they cannot change it. The Council must adopt the Solid Waste budget. The unit budgets are due to the County by September 3, 2010 and the Auditor will drop in the figures to the work sheets for hearings. Auditor Coverdale reported that Sheri Jobs (30 year auditor employee) will be retiring December 31, 2010 and that she is consolidating office staff and revising job descriptions. Auditor Coverdale reported that she has RIF'ed an employee, are losing an employee through attrition and we have reduced our part time staff. The job description revisions are the agenda for approval tonight. Councilor Carter reported that there will be Health Fair August 19 and an Emergency Evacuation Drill on August 27, 2010. The Family Justice Center is requesting an audience with the Council. Work session was adjourned at 7:00:06.

President Carter called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:12:44 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Chief Deputy Auditor Robin M. Mills.

Councilor Steve Schwartz gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:13:55 Councilor Beaver moved to approve the minutes of July 7, 2010. Councilor Levine seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT 7:14:20

President: None

Vice President: None

Highway: Councilor McKinney reported there was a meeting and several projects were discussed. The Highway Department transferred money for federal aid projects in the Hamilton County Rainy Day Fund. The federal reimbursement should be around \$900,000. 96th Mollenkopf Fall Creek project will begin later this year. The pedestrian bridge over 146th Street and Monon will be let in October. Ohio Road/I69 bridge should be opened by November. The Highway Department will be asking for right-of-way funds for the 146th Street West Project in 2011.

Finance: No Meeting

Personnel: No meeting

Miscellaneous: None

COMMISSIONER UPDATE 7:16:22 No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 07:16:32 None

TABLED BUSINESS 7:16:28

Councilor McKinney moved to untable Parks Job Title/Job Descriptions. Councilor Beaver seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve the revised Parks Job Title/Job Descriptions 106.000.000.1003; 1005 and 1019. Councilor McKinney questioned the position not being exempt. Mr. Patterson stated that these requests were sent to WIS and they say that these are not exempt positions. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS 07:22:26

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

EMPLOYEE VACANCIES 7:22:51

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Parks request to hire 106.000.000.1019 Marketing & Volunteer Coordinator PAT A minimum \$31,786 effective hire date August 23, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver stated that Hamilton County is in a financial position to replace vacated positions for 2010. However, the Council has found that the 2011 COIT certification is down 17.53% which means another \$4.1 million cut for County General. This could mean that there will be no replacements in 2011.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Voter Registration request to hire 101.051.000.1002 Deputy Registrar COMOT D at \$37,042 effective hire date August 9, 2010. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Kathy Richardson presented a "Voting System Reimbursement Application" for Council approval. The amount of reimbursement will be approximately \$260,000. Councilor Beaver moved to approve the application. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Probation User Fees request to hire (3) 316.000.000.1300 Part Time at \$12.50 per hour effective hire date August 9, 2010. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Probation User Fees 316.000.000.1015 Adult Probation Officer at \$37,406 effective hire date September 20, 2010. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to add the part time vacancy for Probation User Fees. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve Probation User Fees request to hire (1) 316.000.000.1300 Part Time at \$12.50 per hour effective hire date August 9, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Health Department request to hire 105.000.000.1300 Part Time at \$11.00 per hour effective hire date August 9, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS JULY 7:34:38

Councilor Beaver resolved to approve 123 Wireless Fund New World Maintenance Contract \$715,497. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney resolved to approve 105 Health Fund Supplement \$17,516. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 07-12-10-B

07:37:06 Councilor McKinney moved to approve Ordinance 07-12-10-B for discussion. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. The Council wants to take this Ordinance back to a joint session to further discuss Section 3.11 Overtime and Section 3.11.1 Compensatory Time for Non-Exempt Employees. The Council has directed Attorney Kassabaum to review this ordinance further. Councilor McKinney moved to table Ordinance 07-12-10-B. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion to table carried 7-0.

Tyler Output Processor-Software

07:41:31 Councilor Carter has asked Chris Mertens to address direct deposit and going paperless. Chris Mertens presented a quote from Tyler Output Processor-Software. Councilor Levine stated that there is a favorable recommendation from the ISSD Board to pursue this also. Councilor Levine moved to proceed with the request for Tyler Output Processor-Software. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS 7:47:31 Councilor Carter opened public hearing concerning additional appropriations. No public comments

Councilor Levine moved to approve Auditor Job Description Revisions 101.003.000.1006; 1009; 1012; 1015; 1016; 1022; 1024; 1029; 1011; 1018 and Lead Real Property Deductions Deputy. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve ISSD additional appropriation 101.020.000.4052 Tax Software Development for \$476,804. Councilor McKinney seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Prosecutor additional appropriation 101.031.000.1313 Deputy Prosecutor for \$9,646. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Sheriff Job Description 101.037.000.1301 and transfer of funds from 101.037.000.1006 Captain, Division Commander of \$24,716.15 to 101.037.000.1301 PT Division Commander. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve Superior Court 3 Job Description 101.041.000.1002 and reduction of funds 101.041.000.1315 of \$1,801.30. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve Major Bridger Fund reduction of line item 120.000.000.3840 Bond Payment of \$309,046.77. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Juvenile Detention Lease Fund additional appropriation 179.000.000.3840 Lease Payment for \$1,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Levine moved to approve Rainy Day Fund additional 276.000.000.4118 Spay/Neuter Clinic Addition and Renovation for \$509,938 for discussion. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Tammy Sollenberger, Low Cost Spay Neuter Clinic Director talked in favor of the addition and renovation request. An email from Jeanne Flanders was entered into the official record against this issue. Doctor Jason Herrman spoke against this issue. Councilor Levine moved to table the motion. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Councilor McKinney no; Councilor Schwartz no; Councilor Levine yes; Councilor Carter yes; Councilor Hiatt yes; Councilor Belden yes; and Councilor Beaver no. Motion to table carried 4-3.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve 354 Park Non-reverting Fund additional appropriation 354.000.000.3713 Non-reverting Contractual for \$25,000. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Fund 650 2010-2011 Cities Readiness Preparedness Grant 144 Amendment 650.000.000.1301 PT Environmental Health Specialist PAT B at \$18.08 per hour and 650.000.000.1302 PT Public Health Nurse PAT B at \$18.08 per hour. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing closed at 8:26:48

ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:26:54

SHERIFF COMMENTS None

COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS None

AUDITOR’S COMMENTS None

8:27:09 Councilor moved to adjourned meeting. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn approved 7-0.

Those present:

Mark Bowen, HCSD
Chris Mertens, ISSD
Nick Verhoff, Westfield Schools
Brad Davis, Highway Director

Dan Stevens, Director of Adm
Barry McNulty, Health Department
Paul Ayers, Council Candidate
Jim and Jeanne Flanders

Al Patterson, HC Parks Director
Madonna Wagoner, Probation Director
Velda Buenatz, LCSNC
John Barbee, Envoy
Ryan Horine, HCSD
Kathy Richardson, Election Office

Lora Schwartz, Observer
Ann Hedd, LCSNC
Tammy Sollenberger, LCSNC
Frank Hindes, Cripe
Jason Herrmann, Vet
Thurl Cecil, Coroner

President

Auditor